

Jury Convicts Bridgeville Man of Murder

Wilmington man sentenced for 2017 killing in city

A Bridgeville man who turned himself into police three days after fatally shooting another man in 2018 will spend the rest of his life in prison. A Sussex County Superior Court jury convicted Mcarthur Risper, Jr. of Murder First Degree, Conspiracy First Degree, and Possesion of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. In May 2018, 41-year-old Corey Bailey, of Bridgeville, was standing with a friend in the 21000 block of Mill Park Drive in Bridgeville when Risper got out of a car and shot him. A judge will formally sentence Risper in January. Deputy Attorneys General Michael Tipton and Haley King prosecuted the case with assistance from paralegal Kristan Hudson, social worker Monserrat Matos, and administrative assistant Kelly Maiuri. Detectives with the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit led the investigation.

An 18-year-old Wilmington man was sentenced to 20 years in prison for a 2017 murder in the city. Deputy Attorneys General Periann Doko and William Rasis secured the sentence for Aaron Miles. In July 2017, 23-year-old David Bailey was shot at the intersection of Beech and South Van Buren Streets and taken to Christiana Hospital where he died. A short time later, Miles went to St. Francis Hospital seeking treatment for a gunshot wound to his arm. Despite giving police and hospital staff an alias, an investigation determined Miles' identity, and identified him as Bailey's shooter. Miles pleaded guilty in August 2019 to Murder Second Degree. A Superior Court judge sentenced him to 20 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation. Detective Mackenzie Kirlin of the Wilmington Police Department led the investigation. DOJ social worker Claudia Melton, paralegal Jaime Prater, and special investigator Cliff

Dempsey assisted with the case.